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Baucus Hires Demetrios J. Marantis as International Trade Counsel for the Senate Finance Committee

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) U.S. Senator Max Baucus today announced that Demetrios J. Marantis will join the Democratic staff of the Senate Finance Committee as an International Trade Counsel. Marantis comes to the committee after serving as Issues Director for Sen. John Edwards on the Kerry-Edwards 2004 presidential campaign.

"I am delighted to welcome Demetrios to my staff," commented Baucus. "He has a wealth of international trade experience both inside and outside the government. Demetrios will be an enormous asset as we work to enforce our trade laws at home and expand market access globally for Montana and U.S. producers. In particular, his deep knowledge of Asia will help me continue to focus on that important region of the world."

Marantis joins the Finance Committee staff with over eleven years of experience in international trade law. Prior to working on the Kerry-Edwards campaign, he spent two years in Southeast Asia as Chief Legal Advisor for the U.S.-Vietnam Trade Council. Between 1998 and 2002, he served as Associate General Counsel in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative where he negotiated provisions of international trade agreements – including the U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement and several bilateral agreements with Japan – and represented the United States in World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute settlement proceedings. Marantis also worked for five years in the Washington, D.C. and Brussels, Belgium offices of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld. He holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and an A.B. in Public and International Affairs from Princeton University.

In addition to Asia, Marantis will also focus on the Middle East, the WTO, trade in services, and U.S. competitiveness, among other issues.

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